

And in especyall
Detraccyon worst of all
A knaue at all assays
No counsell can he kepe
But rather in his slepe
Euer forth it shall
He goeth amonge women
And loketh what they can
Chatte fyzt of all
As it cometh in his mynde
He synges into the wynde
Take it vp who wyl
I wolde a payre of sheres
Had clipped away his eres
And he had toyll

To optayne his owne wyl
For ere it longe be
Hether wyl com Uerpty
For to se true Justice
Our saynge than must be
How he is ouer the see
Into the lande of Fryse
And so shall take his way
Streight ouer to Sauoy
And so forth to Boeme
And from thens to Germanie
And so com home by ytalie
Hetherphes to reclayne
Rightin. And by the way here and there

By that byreccyon
To reforme yll
And yet there is but dissymulacyon

As to confounde
And cast to grounde
Bothe man and chylde
As for you and me
Our apparell chaunged must be
This aray is to wyld
And by saynt James
Bothe our names
Must be of more graunte
We shall be callyd wysdom
And I by my halydom
Reformacyon wyll be
For many tymes Detracyon
Pretendeth correccyon

Forcible

And euer doth renew
His myschief parde
wherfore comonly
He iudgeth vntreuely
All men as yll as he
detrac. I Than to Detracyon
He gyueth instruccyon
Of many a knauyshe sentence
And non other grounde
By them can be founde
But theyr owne lewde conseyence
By god that me bought
They haue ben bothe nought
All theyr lyfe days

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Detrac. ¶ How cum in our chambere
That we apparell'd were
Accor'dyng to our tale

one byng eke
them aparell.

in myghte booke of m. hol
To confounde Luthere
And all his hole table
And leste worde by you & me
That to hym holde verpte
Hye hym in all haste possyble
But whan this matter is broken
It must be holply spoken
And with a fayre face
Thy wordes must be sure
And thy countenaunce so demure
As though that father grace
From heuyn were com downe
In his owne person
With aungels great and smale

Or wolde ye do no more
But a hole prately boze
Cuyd with a bodkyn
And tye it with a threde
Than holde he nat in dede
So largely talke
For now and than
A yke a woman
His tongue euer doth walke
Merpty ¶ why, wyll women talke so largely
light iu. ¶ women be iabberyng
And also blabberyng
With loude voyce and hye
Detrac ¶ To women certayne